

## Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



## 2000–2005 Project Profile



### Navajo Nation

The Navajo nation is the largest American Indian Reservation in the United States with 34,000 square miles in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. The population of the Navajo Nation is more than 200,000 including enrolled members living on and in the bordering towns around the reservation. Website: <http://www.navajo.org/>

### Injury Topics addressed by 2000-2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Alcohol Related Motor Vehicle Crashes

Child Passenger Safety

Seatbelt Safety

Bike Safety

Pedestrian Safety

### Injury Prevention Program Staff



#### Lawrence Garnanez, Navajo Nation Highway Safety Program Director

Tenure: 9/1/2000 – 8/30/2005

Training: IHS Levels I-III IP Courses, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician, CPS Instructor



#### Ramone Yazzie, IP Coordinator

Tenure: 3/1/2001 – 8/30/2005

Training: IHS Level I IP Course, CPS Technician



### Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Fire Department • Police Department • Emergency Medical Services • Schools • Hospital • SAFE KIDS • Local Businesses • Media • Housing Department • Coalitions • Tribal Officials • Indian Health Service • Head Start • State Agencies • Hopi Tribe IP Program

### Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

#### Program Activities

- Conducted Child Passenger Safety education and distribution activities, leading to a 43% CPS seat use rate.
- Increased youth driver seatbelt use from 30% to 54%, exceeding goal.
- Assessed Tribal employee seat belt use at 100%.
- Obtained 91% seatbelt use rate at select observation locations.
- Helped establish SAFE KIDS coalitions.
- Passed .08 BAC level law in February 2004.

#### Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Shiprock Seat Belt Safety Project (\$25,000).
- Child Passenger Safety: SAFE KIDS van/equipment (\$78,000), IHS Navajo Area (800 child safety seats).
- Navajo Nation License Plate Program: revenue contributes to traffic control devices for Navajo chapters and schools.
- Pedestrian Safety Grant (\$17,000) received from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to purchase two speed monitor trailers.
- Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety grant (\$25,288) to purchase 21 police motor cycle radar equipment.
- IHS 2005-2010 TIPCAP funding.

